

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The newspaper/broadcast

cross-ownership cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Because space is limited, the federal government should take steps that both allow and encourage a diversity of viewpoints to be broadcast over the American people's airwaves. When one corporation or individual owns multiple media outlets in the same geographic area, the American people's access to diverse views and information is threatened. That is bad for democracy.